

## DIME NOVEL ROUNDUP

OFFICIAL ORGAN--HAPPY HOURS BROTHERHOOD

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WEDDING BELLS FOR J.E. BADGER, JR.

Joseph E. Badger, Jr., we learn, was married May 1, 1878, to Miss Lotta Webb of Frankfort, Kansas, at the home of the bride's parents. While we know little of the happy event, we can speak with great confidence of the groom whom we have known for years. Mr. Badger is well known in St. Joseph and being a public man, his progress has been watched with considerable interest by all... For the past ten years he has contributed to the popular story papers of the East, and in a short time after taking up the quill, succeeded in establishing an enviable reputation. Writing a clear, concise style, possessed of a vivid imagination, and a fair realization of the adventures he portrays. it was but natural he should please the multitude of readers to whom he was called upon to cater.

Mr. Badger was one of the original, as he was one of the best writers, to furnish matter for the much-decried, and in many instances, unjustly abused BEADLES DIME NOVELS, holding his own among a galaxy of star writers, such as; Mayne Reid, Mrs. Denison, John Neal the poet, Mrs. M.V. Victor, Mrs. Ann S. Stephens, and others of equal prominence.. By dint of his pen, Mr. Badger has carved out an independant existence for himself, and is still as much of an attraction in the East today, as he was when he first resorted to the pen for a livelihood. That Mr. Badger is perfectly familiar with the scenes of which he wrote, is known to the majority of our readers.. When but ten years of age, he joined a freighting expedition and stuck it out for six months of rough life at and about

Pikes Peak..He has set the trap for the wary beaver in the wilds bordering the Republican River; he has chased the buffalo on the plains of Nebraska; and more than once in his adventurous course has he been rudely startled from his dreams to assist in repelling the fierce attack of the red aggressors, and to answer the taunting of the wild foeman with the crack of the trusty rifle at his side.

St. Joseph has been singularly prolific of literary men, but none who have acquired such distinct renown as Badger. He wrote for the Saturday Journal-Star Journals-Beadles Dime and Half Dime Libraries, and many others.

Mr. Badger is a gentleman in the fullest sense of the term. We congratulate him upon this, his latest venture, and hope that his life was one uninterrupted course of happiness. We are not personally acquainted with the lady of his choice; we understand she was one of Kansas' fairest daughters, who proved a faithful, loving wife.

Some of the stories he wrote were: Panther Paul-The Prairie Pirate, or, Dainty Lance to the Rescue-Black John, the Roadagent, or, The Outlaws Retreat-Yellowstone Jack, or, Trappers of the Enchanted Ground-Hurricane Bill, or, Mustang Sam and his Pard-and many others.

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#### OLD TIME TALES.

Say what you will of books and things..The books of thieves, of wars, of kings..Choose if you will the classics rare ...Where heroes fight for maidens fair..But I'll choose these-for real heart joys--.The old-time books for old time boys...Where heroes ride o'er hills and plains...And grizzled scouts guide wagon trains....I've read of Lee, the soldier true...Napoleon and Lincoln too...I've studied Keats, Wordsworth and Burns...I've read them all,yet my heart still yearns...For old time tales of

boyhood's day... (We read them when our hearts were gay)... The tales of Poe could ne'er compare... With these old books with mysteries rare... King Brady and Young Diamond Dick... To fell the foe, were ever quick... Yes, choose the books you think are best... But give me tales of Young Wild West... Aye, give me tales of northern snows... And let me go where Hero goes... O'er wind and wave, o'er turb'lent sea.. Into the ports of mystery... The great Conrad with wildest wind... On China's seas, or far Land's End... Could ne'er compare with Brave and Bold... Nor with the tale it's pages told.. Say what you will of books and things... The hooks of thieves, or God-crowned kings.. But I'll choose these--for real heart joys... The old time books for old time boys...

(By W.B. McCafferty..... Ft. Worth, Texas.)

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Correction:

A correction of errors that appeared in the late W.L. Beck article, by Bro. George S. Barton in the January Roundup;

In 1873 Norman Munro started the Boys of New York, which was afterward purchased by Tousey and Small, who were both connected with the Boys of N.Y. and left Munro to start the N.Y. Boys Weekly, which had a run of 70 numbers until combined with the Boys of New York. This was Tousey's first paper. Young Men of America soon followed the N.Y.B.W.. Then came the Boys Leader which had only a short life of 26 or so numbers.

The New York Boys Library published by the N.Y. Popular Publishing Co., was, I think, one of Tousey's efforts issued under that publishing name, for, in the Harrigan & Harts New York Boys and the Boys Champion, published by the same company, stories appeared by Paul Braddon and Howard DeVere, both of which were pen-names owned by Tousey. The two papers were also exactly the same make up as the Boys of N.Y.

Norman Munro also published that fine old "To be continued in our next" paper, Golden Hours.

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Old Dime Novel Defence Plea of Whitinsville (Mass.) burglar:

Thompson Smith, 20, of Whitinsville, was not under the influence of liquor, but was under the influence of dime novels, when he broke into eight stores, according to the interpretation given in Superior Criminal Court yesterday. Smith pleaded guilty to an indictment for breaking, entering, and larceny in two counts. Dist. Atty. Charles B. Rugg said the defendant admitted breaks in eight stores and said he took \$285 in these breaks. He was probated by Judge Wm. A. Burns on condition that he make restitution of \$285 on or before the end of the month. Counsel said his client had no prior record and this case had taught him a lesson. He said relatives were willing to make restitution and would see that Smith kept out of trouble and read no more dime novels.

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